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1. [redacted] the oppression of rich and middle class peasants has been pushed rapidly [redacted] A program similar to collectivization of the poor peasants has also been initiated, reducing them to absolute economic dependence on the new regime.

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2. Premier YEN Hsi-shan's report to the Executive Yuan [redacted] included a statement to the effect that the Chinese Communists have embarked upon a program to "liquidate" (清算) even the poor peasants. While the veracity of this statement is being questioned by many, it presumably was based on a Communist directive captured during the defense of Taiyuan which ordered Communist Party members to use middle and poor peasants to liquidate the rich peasants, and finally to subjugate the poor peasants by stressing inner differences and imposing heavy taxes to force their dependence upon the Communists.

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3. [redacted] the Chinese Communists are aping the Russians in the business of peasant liquidation. The fact that the Chinese are here adopting a program ill-suited to Chinese conditions is explained by saying that Russia has replaced the West as the model for blind and superficial imitation. The Chinese have been copying the West for many decades without making a serious effort to adapt what they learned to Chinese needs. The same sort of copying is still going on, and it is possible that methods used in Russia during the course of revolution will be repeated in China regardless of the realities of the new situation.

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4. [redacted] the Chinese Communists are admitting almost uneducated workers to colleges in the northeast and in the Peiping-Tientsin area. It would appear that not all of the universities have been so affected during the first six months of Communist rule, but if the reports are true, the action would indicate a policy of abolition of the upper classes by lowering the traditionally elevated social and economic status of the college-educated elements.

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5. An interesting point in connection with the above is the question of reconciling the policy, if true, with the tremendous and immediate demand for competent leaders to take over the administration of the new government. Another point is the question whether or not this policy represents a part of the pattern of Chinese Communist imitation of the Soviet formula.

6. LIN I-chung (林翼中)* was sent to Sun Yat Sen University in Moscow before the Northern Expedition and saw there the Russian system of training workers in what were traditionally institutions of higher learning. He returned to China with a low opinion of the Soviet version of a college education, and predicted that the same thing would happen in China if the Communists came to power.

7. Finally, the question arises as to who in the Chinese Communist Party is responsible for these policies and actions, if true. Various [redacted] 50X1-HUM
[redacted] new, young members [redacted] are completely indoctrinated in the 50X1-HUM
vagaries of the Marxist-Leninist line. These younger party members differ 50X1-HUM
from many of the old-timers such as MAO and CHOU En-lai, who are known to
look with disfavor on general imitation of Soviet Russian methods. There
are ideological differences between the old and the young groups, aggravated
by distinctions in rank and gradations in physical comfort.

* [redacted] Comment. LIN has been president of the Kwangtung provincial legislature. 50X1-HUM

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